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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants submit this Amendment And Request For Reconsideration in response to the non-final Office action mailed on December 16, 2008, for the above-referenced application. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 16, 2009. Applicants are concurrently requesting an extension of time to extend the deadline for response to Monday, May 18, 2009, and thus, this response is timely. Please amend the above identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Argument begin on page 8 of this paper.